

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1071

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Officer Steven Sones upon being named the Bartlett Police Department's 2009 Officer of the Year.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, Officer Steven Sones is one such courageous public servant, who was recently named the Bartlett Police Department's 2009 Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sones began his distinguished career with the Bartlett Police Department in 2001 as a jailer in the city jail; and

WHEREAS, furthering his career in law enforcement, he was selected for a patrolman position with the Bartlett Police Department in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sones immediately began displaying the type of performance that has become the defining characteristic of his career; his ability to recognize opportunity and seize the initiative makes him especially adept at handling the very dangerous situations he and his fellow police officers encounter on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, one of the most trusted, reliable, and focused officers in the Bartlett Police Department, Officer Sones has served with the utmost integrity and professionalism, earning the

respect and admiration of his peers, superiors, and the citizens of Bartlett for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, currently assigned to the patrol division, he is an integral part of several special units, including the Crime Suppression Unit, an unmarked directed patrol unit that targets criminal activity in certain areas experiencing increases in crime, and the Special Response Team, a highly trained unit of selected officers that respond to critical incidents; and

WHEREAS, highly skilled and trained in the use of several different weapons systems, Officer Sones is an expert in public safety, consistently producing high numbers of self-initiated arrests; and

WHEREAS, an instinctive leader with the ability to generate confidence in his fellow officers, Officer Steven Sones has contributed greatly to the safety of the citizens of Bartlett, responding to every call with tremendous courage, fortitude, and professionalism, making a significant impact for the better on his community; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sones epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his professionalism and dedication to the City of Bartlett are evident to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, Steven Sones is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Elisha, and his two children, Abby and Bryce; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Officer Steven Sones for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Officer Steven Sones upon being named the Bartlett Police Department's 2009 Officer of the Year, thank him for his meritorious service to the citizens of Bartlett and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.